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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-1702

Dear Senator McConnell:

Thank you for your October 13, 2004, letter confirming the Warren County Water District as the intended recipient of the funds identified for the Intermodal Transportation Authority (ITA) in Bowling Green, Kentucky in the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations Bill.

The Environmental Protection Agency accepts the Warren County Water District as the local agency with jurisdiction over the water infrastructure improvements that are needed to facilitate development in the region, and will offer the earmarked funds to them.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me or the EPA Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "J. I. Palmer, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

J. I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator

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October 13, 2004

Mr. James I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator  
Region IV  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8931

Dear Administrator Palmer:

I write to clarify Congressional intent regarding an earmark I inserted in the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill (P.L. 108-199).

As you may know, the Intermodal Transportation Authority (ITA) in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is working to establish a trimodal transpark to stimulate economic development in the region. In late 2002, the ITA identified a need to improve water and wastewater systems so that such services could be extended to the transpark and requested my assistance in securing funds for this effort. In response to that request, I earmarked \$2 million for the "Intermodal Transportation Authority in Bowling Green, Kentucky, for Kentucky TriModal Transpark Water and Sewer Improvements" in the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill (P.L. 108-199; line 208, page 1140 of House Report 108-401).

I understand, however, that the Warren County Water District is the local agency that has jurisdiction over water infrastructure improvements that are needed to facilitate development in the region. I also understand that the Warren County Water District has agreed to receive the funds. Given that the ITA and the Warren County Water District have reached an agreement that is acceptable to both parties and that the ITA signed a resolution on September 15, 2004, authorizing the Warren County Water District to receive the earmarked funds, I have no objection to allowing the Warren County Water District to receive this money.

I appreciate your time and attention to the matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Brytt Brooks of my staff at 202-224-5965 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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cc: Ms. Kelli B. Rice, Kentucky Division of Water

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